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September 30, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

35 September 30, 2014

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
AVENUE J OVER LITTLE ROCK CREEK
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ROOSEVELT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve and advertise the project to replace the Avenue J over Little Rock Creek bridge in the City of Lancaster and in the unincorporated community of Roosevelt; adopt the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule for a fee not to exceed \$10,000 and a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; deliver the project; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for the replacement of a bridge, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on October 28, 2014, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

BIDS: October 28, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule for a fee not to exceed \$10,000 funded by existing project funds.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range and deliver the project.
6. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project, adopt the plans and specifications, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans for a fee not to exceed \$10,000 funded by existing project funds and a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, deliver the project, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

The proposed consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule that conforms to the County of Los Angeles' specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the contractor fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works may return to the Board to recommend that the contractor be determined nonresponsible and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid contingent on that bidder completing deliverables, which conform to the County's specifications.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Service Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by accelerating the delivery of this project to benefit the City and community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,300,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, environmental regulatory permits, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project will be administered under the Highway Bridge Program covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California. Under this Program, Federal-aid funds will be used to finance a portion of the project cost. The non-Federally reimbursable portion of the project cost will be financed by the County and the City of Lancaster.

A portion of this project is within the City. County-City Cooperative Agreement, executed on September 16, 2013, shall supersede the Assumption of Liability Assessment 32064. It provides for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project, with the County and the City to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the non-Federally reimbursable project cost, estimated to be \$360,000 and \$310,000, respectively.

Funding for this project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the construction of bridges/tunnels. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20404 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 150 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April 2015 and be completed in October 2015.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the bridge replacement.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of this contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 30, 2013, Agenda Item 36, the Board adopted the Negative Declaration for this project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code. The County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to the determination of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. To be eligible for the Federal funds financing the majority of this project, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires award to the lowest bidder.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current County services.

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved highway facilities, thereby benefiting the City and community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/30/2014

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance